



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Assembly Bill 318**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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*Assembly Bill 318* is the second bill [along with Assembly Bills 317 and 319] in what is being referred to as the “Veterans Relief Package.” The bill requires the University of Wisconsin (UW) System and each technical college district board to grant to any veteran who is a resident of Wisconsin a remission equal to 50% of the cost of tuition and fees at any UW institution or technical college for 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer.

Under the bill, “veteran” is defined by reference to the current definition in s. 45.001 (4), Stats.

*Assembly Amendment 1* does the following:

1. Replaces the definition of “veteran” in s. 45.001 (4) with the more readable definition contained in 2005 Assembly Bill 210, the ch. 45 recodification bill.
2. Provides a 100% remission of out-of-state tuition in addition to a 50% remission of in-state tuition and fees to veterans, including those who are considered nonresidents for tuition purposes, if the Department of Veterans Affairs verifies that they are residents of Wisconsin for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45 and that they were residents at the time of entry into service.

### *Legislative History*

The Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs held an executive session on May 17, 2005. The committee voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, both on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

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